Counter-trade Agreement with M/s Bofors

3046. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a counter-trade agreement between M/s. Bofors and the Government of India;

(b) if so, the contents of the agreement; and

(c) the extent of the implementation of the agreement?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) contemplates that Bofors will arrange exports from India valued not less than 50 per cent of the value of the contract signed with the Ministry of Defence.

(c) As at September 1988 goods worth Rs. 117 crores have been contracted under the MOU against which shipments of Rs. 27 crores approximately have taken place.

AIDS testing of foreign students

3047. SHRI K. V. THANGKABALU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether test for AIDS has been completed on all foreign students desirous of seeking admission in Indian Universities;

(b) if so, the number of foreign students tested and the percentage out of them found to be positive to AIDS test;

(c) whether Government have ordered test for AIDS on all students while entering India and on their subsequent visits to India; and

(d) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (d) According to this guidelines/administrative instructions issued by this Ministry any foreign student being admitted in any Indian Educational/Research/Training Institute will be required to undergo medical test including that for AIDS and his/her admission will be confirmed after the result has been found satisfactory. The students should report to the nearest Civil Surgeon/Chief Medical Officer of Health/Superintendent of District Hospital in which the Educational/Research/Training Institute is located.

Nearly 10,000 foreign students have been tested for HIV antibodies. Of these 46 were found to be sero-positive; one student succumbed to AIDS disease.

Voluntary agencies in Health Sector

3048. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELAFRE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are thousands of registered and unregistered voluntary agencies working in the health sector all over the country; and

(b) whether a consolidated list of these agencies has been prepared and is available for use of the public and State Governments, if so, the source of supply of this list?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) No. survey has been carried out by the Central Government in respect of registered and unregistered voluntary agencies working in the health sector in the country.

(b) Does not arise.

Role of Voluntary Organisations in "Health Care Delivery"

3049. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether an expert group had been formed as a follow-up of the workshop on "Role of Voluntary Organisations in Health Care Delivery" held in Delhi in January, 1988 and if so, the recommendations of this group; and

(b) whether follow-up action has been taken on these recommendations and if so, the details of action taken?